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In re U.S. PATENT 7,181,023 to: Andrews et al.	Confirmation Number: 2124
Application No.: 09/485,657	Group Art Unit: 2615
Issued: February 20, 2997	Examiner: Xu Mei
Title: A Distributed Stereo System	

Request for Certificate of Correction

Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.322 (PTO Error) and 1.323 (Applicant Mistake)

Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, VA

Sir:

The patentee hereby requests that the above-referenced U.S. Patent 7,181,023 be corrected as set forth on the accompanying Form SB44.

The incorrect foreign application priority date on the face of the patent is due to an error by the Office.

On the other hand, omission of a cross-reference to the foreign priority application in the first sentence of the specification is due to an oversight by the applicant. Therefore, this Request is being submitted along with the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(a). (The Office recognized the claim for foreign priority, as evidenced by the original Bibliographic Data Sheet and the Filing Receipt (copies attached); therefore, per M.P.E.P. § 201.11, no petition or surcharge is required.)

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CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/AU98/00647 08/14/1998

Foreign Applications

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If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 08/01/2000

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is
US09/485,657

Projected Publication Date: None, application is not eligible for pre-grant publication

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

Title

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APPLICANTS LEONARD COLIN ANDREWS, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA; ** CONTINUING DATA ***** This application is a 371 of PCT/AU98/00647 08/14/1998 ** FOREIGN APPLICATIONS ***** AUSTRALIA P0 8621 08/15/1997 IF REQUIRED, FOREIGN FILING LICENSE GRANTED** SMALL ENTITY ** ** 08/01/2000					
Foreign Priority claimed <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no 35 USC 119 (a-d) conditions <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> Met after met Allowance Verified and Acknowledged _____ Examiner's Signature Initials		STATE OR COUNTRY AUSTRALIA	SHEETS DRAWING 2	TOTAL CLAIMS 38	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 1
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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

1) On the face/cover sheet, under section (30) (Foreign Application Priority Data):

The priority application date is changed FROM August 15, 1998 TO August 15, 1997.

2) At column 1, before the Technical Field, a cross-reference to the underlying foreign priority application is inserted as follows:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is based on and claims the priority benefit of Australian Patent Application PO 8621 filed August 15, 1997. --

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